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SUBJECT: LOMBARDIA AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE VISIT TO WASHINGTON

FEB. 18, 1975

PLEASE PASS MR. DANIEL MINCHEW, AA TO SENATOR TALMADGE

REF: TOFAS 06; FASTO 04

1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR READINESS ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR DELEGATION AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, LOMBARDY REGION TO MEET WITH SENATOR TALMADGE ON FEBRUARY 18. IDENTICAL REQUEST MADE OF CONGRESSMAN FOLEY.

2. GROUP TRAVELLING AT OWN EXPENSE TO OBSERVE US AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND BEING PROGRAMMED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FAS, LARRY MCMILLAN AT EXT 76725, WITH WHOM VISIT MAY BE COORDINATED.

3. IN VIEW OF GRADUAL TRANSFER OF GREATER AUTHORITY TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND ENERGETIC CHARACTER OF THAT IN LOMBARDY, VISIT BY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE POTENTIALLY OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO US. NOT ONLY USE OF U.S. SEEDS, STOCK AND EQUIPMENT LIKELY TO GROW, BUT LOMBARDY AGRICULTURE LONG TIME USER US FEED GRAINS FOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY WHICH EXPECTED TO EXPAND RAPIDLY. MOREOVER, LOMBARDY FARM INTERESTS INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL UPON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POLICIES WITHIN EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN SENSE COMPLEMENTARY TO US AGRICULTURAL POLICY OBJECTIVES. FINALLY, DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE INFLUENTIAL OMBARDY POLITICAL

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LEADERS WHOSE ATTITUDES TOWARD US ON SUCH MATTERS AS ENERGY

POLICY, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, RELATIONS WITH USSR AND MIDDLE EAST
ARE IMPORTANT IN INTERNAL POLITICAL BALANCE.

4. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE SENATOR CAN OFFER
TO ENLIGHTEN DELEGATION ABOUT US POLICIES, ATTITUDES OF CONGRESS
AND EVOLUTION OF US ECONOMY AND SOCIETY.

5. DELEGATION CONSISTS OF 11 MEMBERS HEADED BY ERNESTO VERCESI,
CHAIRMAN, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT. OTHER MEMBERS ARE: ENEA ASINARI,
COMMUNIST PARTY; FABIO SEMENZA, REPUBLICAN PARTY; GIOVANNI
CHIAPPANI, COMMUNIST PARTY; LINO DEL DOSSO-AGOSTINELLI, COMM-
UNIST PARTY; NINO PISONI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIOVANNI RUFFINI,
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIANCARLO SIENA, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIUSEPPE
GIULIANI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; MARIO CAMPAGNOLI, CHRISTIAN DEMO-
CRAT; LUIGI MARCHI, COMMUNIST PARTY.FINA

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